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- 1. The Avia National Corporation in Letnany near Prague Thas in the past produced planes of the Arado type. The Arados were made, however, only out of parts which were already in stock. Completely new models were not built. Production of this type of aircraft is soon to be ended. Avia also manufactures one IL-10 per day. In the future jet plane production is planned.
- 2. The works contain a hall which has about eight boxes about five by five meters in size. In these boxes, plane motors are tested; the noise of the testing is audible day and night. There is constant military supervision of the plant, but there are no Russians assigned to it.
- 3. The factory works three irregular shifts; some workers report at six o'clock, some at eight, etc. (sic). The number of employees is smaller than it was during the war. A third of the labor force is female.
- 4. New halls, kitchens and lavatories are being built at the plant. Avia also is building a runway from the Prague-Cakovice Airfield in the direction of the Prague-Letnany Airfield. The construction is easily visible from the Letnany-Kbely road. The runway is a Prague communal project (Komunalni podnik Praha) being handled by the Armabeton firm of Prague. Three hundred workers are employed.
- Planes manufactured at Avia bear yellow squares, triangles or circles as recognition symbols.
- 6. The Rudy Letov National Corporation, formerly named after Rudolf Slansky, in Letnany near Prague, makes MIG-15's at peak production capacity. The sound of riveting in the buildings is clearly audible along the Letnany-Kbely road. Although the hall in which motors are tested is not visible, the sound of the jets is clearly distinguishable.

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7.	Completed MIG-15's are towed from Rudy Letov by tractor to the Prague-Kbely Airfield and are test-flown from there. The test pilot is (fnu) Siroky.
8.	No new construction is in progress at Rudy Letov.
	1. Comment. Also referred to as located in Cakovice.
	2. Comment. as of March 1952, reported that 20 IL-10 armored planes per month were produced at Avia. 25X said 40 Stormovik (IL-10) planes had been produced prior to 20 September 1952. as of mid-September 1952, reported that Avia was producing only IL-10 aircraft.

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